

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1966 - HB 1868

March 9, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Broadens the definition of financial “exploitation” of the aged or an adult who is suffering from a mental or physical handicap or disability under the Tennessee Adult Protection Act.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$6,103,500 Recurring
\$292,700 One-Time**

Assumptions:

- Authorizes investigation and legal action to protect the private funds of the adult as well as government funds.
- The Adult Protective Services (APS) Division of the Department of Human Services (DHS) provides protection to individuals who are between the ages of 18 and 64 and who are diagnosed with a mental and/or physical handicap or disability and any individual who is 65 or older.
- Based on data from the National Center on Victims of Crimes, DHS estimates that the number of investigations by the Adult Protective Services will increase by 294,181.
- APS employees will need to investigate an individual’s trust accounts, inheritance, real property, estates, stocks and bonds, etc. which will increase the amount of time and level of knowledge required for each investigation.
- DHS will need to hire 94 Financial Investigative Specialists, 10 Financial Supervisors, 1 Program Supervisor, and 8 Intake Specialists which will increase state expenditures by \$6,393,200.
- The increase in recurring state expenditures is estimated at \$6,103,500 which includes the salaries and benefits for the 113 additional positions (\$4,972,500) and telephone, LAN/WAN, travel, supplies and office space (\$1,131,000).
- The increase in one-time expenditures is estimated at \$292,700 for cabling connections and computers.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director